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# **USS SIRROCO (PC 6)**

Costal Patrol Craft Homeport: Manama, Bahrain www.navy.mil/navydata



USS SIRROCO is the sixth CYCLONE - class patrol coastal boat. Commissioned at the Washington Navy Yard, the Sirroco became the first US Navy ship commissioned there in almost 120 years. The primary mission of the PC-1 class is coastal patrol and interdiction surveillance, an important aspect of littoral operations outlined in the Navy's strategy, "Forward...From the Sea." Mission tasking for forward based PC's consist of Maritime security Operations (MSO) in the Northern Arabian Gulf (NAG), protection of Iraq's oil terminals and sea based infrastructure, as well as Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) tasking. Of the thirteen ships, nine originally operated out of the Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, Norfolk, Virginia, and four originally operated from the Naval Amphibious Base Coronado. As of 2006, five hulls were decommissioned and loaned to the United States Coast Guard to be returned to the Navy in 2009 and one was donated to the Philippine Navy. Of the remaining eight, USS Hurricane, USS Squall and USS Thunderbolt are homeported at Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base. USS Typhoon, USS Sirroco, USS Chinook, USS Firebolt and USS Whirlwind are homeported in Manama, Bahrain. Its armament includes two Mk38 chain guns, two Mk19 automatic grenade launchers, and two .50 caliber (12.7 mm) machine guns. Different crews, are embarked onboard PC's for six to seven months.

#### **SHIP'S SPECIFICATIONS:**

### **GENERAL**

Length - 170 feet
Beam (Maximum)- 25 feet
Speed: 30+ knots
Draft (Navigational)- 7.5 feet
Displacement– 331 tons full load
Complement– 4 Officers 23 Enlisted

### **ENGINEERING**

Propulsion: 4 Paxman diesels, 4 propellers Electrical: Services:

## **SENSORS**

### **WEAPONS**

2 25mm Mk-38 machine guns2 50.cal machine guns2 Mk-19 Automatic grenade launchers

## <u>AIRCRAFT</u>

Keel Laid: June 20, 1992 Christened: May 29, 1993 Commissioned: June 11, 1994